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Application of: N. Thomas

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Response to Office Action

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

July 23, 2003

Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2003, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period of response two months from May 24, 2003, up to and including July 24, 2003.